(f) whether it is also a fact that certain officers have got their close relations employed in certain drug companies, and

(g) if so, the names of such officers, names of relations of each and the name of the company, which have come to the notice of his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) A number of letters have been received from Members of Parliament alleging that the assessment of the liabilities by the officers entrusted with the task, has not been made correctly and certain drugs were wrongly excluded from price control by the Kelkar Committee. The liabilities are being reassessed and as regards anomalies in inclusion/exclusion of drugs in DPCO, 1987 a Standing Committee is already examining the cases.

(e) to (g) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Introductory Course of Ayurveda**

347. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government' attention has been drawn a report which appeared in the Statesman of the 9th April, 1990 to the effect that the Soviet Health Ministry has decided to host an 'Introductory Course of Ayurveda for 1000 Soviet doctors;

(b) what are the names of other countries where similar programmes have been held or are proposed to be held and for how many doctors in each case;

(c) what is the outline and important contents of this course; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government for boosting the spread of Ayurvedic knowledge in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Contracts by Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.**

348. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. has given contracts to Rasayani Employees Engineering Concern during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, yearwise;

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to allow a public sector organisation to give contracts to its own employees union; and

(d) if not, what action is being taken against the management of HOC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) M.s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOC) have awarded the following contracts to the Rasayani Employees

Engineer. ing Company (REEC) during the ye- ars *1987-88 and 1988-89;*

*1987-88* *Value (Rs. lakhs)*

1. Shutdown maintenance of sulphuric acid plant . . . . . 14.56
2. Miscelloneous small maintenance work (27 items) . . . . . 3.90
3. Disposal of Scrap* . . . . . 18.35**

*1988-89*

1. Shutdown maintenance of Sulphuric acid plant (including supply, farication fl and installation of upper portion of chimney) . . . . . 21.07
2. Miscellaneous small maintenance works (21 items) . . . . . 1.59
3. Disposal of Scrap . . . . . 14.81**
4. Dismantling and disposal of aniline fluidised . . . . . 0.75**

No contracts were awarded to REEC during the year 1989-90.

*(Value payable by REEC to HOC).

(c) and (d) Govt's view is that the company should not have business relations with an organisation of their own employees and should not award them such contracts. M/s. HOC have already discontinued awarding such contracts to REEC since April, 1989 and do not propose to have such commercial relations with REEC in future.

**LegisLlation on Family Planning**

349. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India propose to introduce a legislation giving effect to 'one family one child' norm;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the States are lagging behind in achieving family planning targets; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Family Welfare Programme in India is being promoted on a voluntary basis as a people's movement in keeping with the democratic raditons of the country. The programme seeks to promote responsible parenthood, with a two-child norm-male, female or both — through independent choice of the family planning method best suited to the acceptor. In line with this policy, there is no proposal to introduce a legislation giving effect to the one family one child norm.

(b) and (c) Statements giving statewise target fixed and achievements made in different methods of contraceptions during the last three years *i.e.* 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 are annexed (*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 24). It will be seen that performance of a number of States under these methods has fallen short of the targets. Some of the important factors inhibiting progress of family welfare programme in States are listed below:

(i) In agricultural and traditional societies, children, especially made children, are perceived to be a source of income generation for the family and are, therefore, viewed, in terms of their economic values.

(ii) There is a strong preference for male children which is linked